

NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Mr. Tim J. Leftwich
 Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation
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RE:
Prior Reclamation Inspections

Dear Mr. Leftwich:

The Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) has completed inspection of reclamation measures as requested by Santa Fe Pacific Gold Corporation.

Based on findings in the enclosed inspection reports, reclamation measures at the following mines satisfy the requirements of the New Mexico Mining Act (NMMA) and the substantive requirements for reclamation pursuant to the NMMA Rules. Santa Fe Pacific Gold, therefore, is hereby released from further requirements of the NMMA on the following mines:

Faith Mine (Section 29, T 13N R 9W)
 Section 13 (T 1N R 6W)
 Haystack Mine (Section 19, T 13N R10W)

Reclamation measures at the following mines do not satisfy the requirements of the New Mexico Mining Act (NMMA) and the substantive requirements for reclamation pursuant to the NMMA Rules. However, since Santa Fe Pacific Gold has completed most reclamation measures at the following mines, Santa Fe may apply for a variance from the provisions of the NMMA Rules pursuant to Rule 10. Otherwise, pursuant to NMMA Rule 5.10.B Santa Fe Pacific Gold must submit permit applications and closeout plans for existing mining operations within six months of receipt of this letter.

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Isabella Mine (Section 7, T 13N R 9W)
Marquez Mine (Section 23, T13N R9W)
Poison Canyon Mine (Section 19, T 13N R 9W)
Section 1 (T 13N R 9W)
Section 31 (T 13N R 9W)
Section 25 Mine (Section 25, T 13N R 10W)
SW 1/4 Section 13 (T 13N R11W)

The location of the mine on Section (T 13N R 9W) was not adequately identified by Santa Fe Pacific Gold for inspection by MMD. The Mining and Minerals Division attempted to locate the site, but was unable to do so. Therefore, no inspection for prior reclamation was made. If reclamation measures have been performed, this site may also be addressed under a variance.

The enclosed prior reclamation inspection report details the findings of the inspection but does not include the photos/slides contained in the MMD file copy.

MMD appreciates your efforts to comply with the NMMA and commends you for your safeguarding and reclamation efforts. If you have any questions please contact Holland Shepherd of the Mining Act Bureau, (505) 827-5971.

Sincerely,



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Mining and Minerals Division

cc: Ms. Maxine Goad, Environment Department
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Enclosures